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PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF HOMER ALFRED NEAL OF MICHIGAN AS A CITIZEN REGENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

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Mr. FORD, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S.J. Res. 203]

The Committee on Rules and Administration, having considered Senate Joint Resolution 203, a joint resolution to provide for the appointment of Homer Alfred Neal of Michigan as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the joint resolution be agreed to.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

As set forth in 20 U.S.C. 42 and 43, the Board of Regents, the governing body of the Smithsonian Institution, is composed of seventeen members and consists of the Vice President, the Chief Justice of the United States, three Members of the Senate, three Members of the House of Representatives, and nine other persons appointed by Joint Resolution of the Congress. Of the nine persons who are not Members of Congress, two must be resident in the city of Washington, DC, and seven must be inhabitants of some State, but no two of them of the same State.

The purpose of this joint resolution is to fill the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution occurring by reason of the resignation of Murray Gell-Mann of California on September 13, 1988, by appointing Homer Alfred Neal of Michigan for a term of 6 years, effective on the date of enactment of this joint resolution.

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At its meeting on September 18, 1989, the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution voted unanimously to request its Congressional members to introduce legislation to provide for the appointment of Dr. Neal for the statutory term of 6 years. Robert McC. Adams, the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, has expressed his support for this appointment by letter to the Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration. His letter and its enclosures, a biography of Dr. Neal and a list of the current membership of the Board of Regents, follow. A letter of support for this nomination from Mr. Moynihan and Mr. Garn, the Senate Members of the Board of Regents, is also set forth below:

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,
Washington, DC, September 25, 1989.

Hon. WENDELL H. FORD,
Chairman, Committee on Rules and Administration,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the joint resolution providing for the appointment of Dr. Homer Alfred Neal of Michigan to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Regents and the manner of appointment and terms of office of those other than Members of Congress are set forth in 20 U.S.C. 42 and 43. At its meeting on September 18, 1989, the Board of Regents voted unanimously to request the Congressional members of the Board to introduce legislation to provide for the appointment of Dr. Neal for the statutory term of six years. A vacancy has occurred in the Board's membership because of the resignation of Dr. Murray Gell-Mann on September 13, 1988.

Dr. Neal is a resident of Michigan and has had a distinguished career in science and education. A biography of Dr. Neal is enclosed, as is a list of the membership of the Board of Regents.

Enactment of the joint resolution would have not regulatory impact and would entail no cost to the Government. I shall, of course, be happy to furnish any additional information you may require.

Sincerely,

ROBERT MCC. ADAMS,
Secretary.

Enclosures.

NEAL, HOMER A.

Residence: Michigan.
Age: 47.
Occupation: Physics educator, research, university administrator.
Background: Asst. professor of physics, Indiana University, 1967–70, associate professor, 1970–72, professor, 1972–81; dean research and graduate development, 1976–81; professor or physics SUNY, Stony Brook, 1981–87, provost, 1981–86, professor of physics, chairman, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1987—; member National Science Board, 1980—; chairman, Argonne Zero Gradient Synchrotron Users Group, 1970–72; trustee Argonne University Association, 1971–74, 77–80; physics advisory panel National Science Foun-

dation, 1976-79, chairman physics advisory panel 1987—; high energy physics advisory panel U.S. Department of Energy, 1977-81, chairman physics advisory panel, 1987—; board of directors N.Y Sea Grant Inst., 1982-86; director Ogden Corporation. NSF Fellow, 1966-67; Sloan Fellow, 1968; Guggenheim Fellow, 1980-81. Fellow American Phys. Society, AAS; member University Research Association.

Degrees: B.S. in Physics with honors, Indiana University, 1961; M.S. in Physics (John Hay Whitney Fellow), University of Michigan, 1963, Ph.D. in Physics, 1966.

BOARD OF REGENTS, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Ex Officio

The Chief Justice of the United States, William H. Rehnquist, Chancellor.

The Vice President of the United States, J. Danforth Quayle.

Appointed by the President of the Senate

Honorable E.J. (Jake) Garn.
Honorable Daniel Patrick Moynihan.
Honorable James R. Sasser.

Appointed by the Speaker of the House

Honorable Silvio O. Conte.
Honorable Norman Y. Mineta.
Honorable Jamie L. Whitten.

Appointed by Joint Resolution of Congress

Honorable David C. Acheson of the District of Columbia.
Honorable Anne L. Armstrong of Texas.
Dr. William G. Bowen of New Jersey.
Mrs. Jeannine Smith Clark of the District of Columbia.
Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. of Pennsylvania.
Mr. Samuel C. Johnson of Wisconsin.
Mr. Barnabas McHenry of New York.
(2 vacancies).

U.S. SENATE,
Washington, DC, September 25, 1989.

Hon. WENDELL H. FORD,
Senate Committee on Rules and Administration,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR WENDELL: We are pleased to express our unreserved support for the nomination of Dr. Homer Alfred Neal of Michigan as a citizen member of the Smithsonian Board of Regents. This nomination culminates a nationwide, eight month long search, and was unanimously approved by the Board of Regents on September 18, 1989.

Dr. Neal is by all accounts one of this nation's top physicists. Highly respected in former service as Dean of Research and Graduate Development at Indiana University and as Provost at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, Dr. Neal is now Chairman

of the Physics Department at the University of Michigan. In addition to his own contributions to the field of high energy physics, he has given freely of his expertise to a variety of scientific enterprises at the national level. He is, for instance, a member of the National Science Board and Chairman of both the Physics Advisory Board of the Department of Energy. In both these capacities, he has shown excellent leadership skills.

In addition, he has worked diligently to encourage minority students to pursue graduate education and careers in the sciences, an interest consistent with Smithsonian priorities. From his interviews with Dr. William G. Bowen, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and Secretary Robert McC. Adams, it is clear that Dr. Neal is a man of integrity and initiative. His scientific background will be an excellent complement to the current composition of the Board.

We hope that you will share our confidence and enthusiasm in this nomination. Dr. Neal is extremely well qualified for this appointment, and has given every indication that he would assume his responsibilities as a Smithsonian Regent with uncommon dedication.

Sincerely,

DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN.
JAKE GARN.

PROVISIONS OF THE JOINT RESOLUTION

Senate Joint Resolution 203 provides that in accordance with section 5581 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (20 U.S.C. 43), the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in the class other than Members of Congress, occurring by reason of the resignation of Murray Gell-Mann of California on September 13, 1988, be filled by the appointment of Homer Alfred Neal of Michigan for a term of 6 years, effective on the date of enactment of this joint resolution.

COMMITTEE ACTION

On September 27, 1989, the Committee on Rules and Administration held a markup session on Senate Joint Resolution 203. After discussion, Senate Joint Resolution 203 was passed, unanimously, by a record vote and was ordered reported favorable by the Committee.

COMMITTEE ROLLCALL VOTE

In compliance with paragraph 7 (b) and (c) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the record of the rollcall vote in the Committee on Rules and Administration during its consideration of Senate Joint Resolution 203 to report it favorably was as follows:

YEAS (10)	NAYS (0)
Mr. Ford	
Mr. Pell	
Mr. Inouye	
Mr. DeConcini	
Mr. Gore	

Mr. Moynihan
Mr. Adams
Mr. Stevens
Mr. Garn
Mr. McConnell

COST ESTIMATE

In accordance with paragraph 11(a) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee does not consider that passage of Senate Joint Resolution 203 would entail any cost to the Federal government.

REGULATORY IMPACT

In accordance with paragraph 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee does not consider that passage of Senate Joint Resolution 203 would have any regulatory impact.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 12 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee on Rules and Administration notes that this joint resolution makes no change in existing law.

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